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To: WIC Futures Study Group

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Gallatin City-County Health Department (GCCHD) WIC program would like to give input regarding the proposed Funding Formulas for Fiscal Year 2010. Our input is based on the following facts:

- ❖ GCCHD WIC has seen monthly increases in the caseload since September 2008.
- ❖ FY 09 funding was based on 951 participants.
- ❖ As of March 2009, GCCHD WIC has 1109 clients enrolled or a 14% increase since September.
- ❖ In May 2009, GCCHD will be opening a satellite clinic in Belgrade and anticipates at least 3% increase in the caseload by the end of September.

Gallatin County WIC has had several transitions including new management, additional new staff and relocation to our new office space. The rationale behind our increase in participants is multifaceted:

- ❖ October 2008 was the first month that the new staff was fully trained; maximizing our appointments to see more families.
- ❖ The new office space is more family friendly with better parking.
- ❖ The current economic picture has increased the need for WIC services.

The best funding formula for the GCCHD WIC program would be to take the average participation over the last 3 months, which is 1078 clients. This formula would provide the most funding to support the growing caseload.

Thank you for your time and consideration.